

REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Final Office Action mailed July 6, 2005. The Applicant respectfully requests that the finality of the prior office action be withdrawn in light of the RCE filed herewith. At the time of the Final Office Action, claims 1-16 were pending in this application. Claims 1-16 have been rejected. Claims 1, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 have been amended.

Substance of the Interview

On August 29, 2005, Applicant's representative Paul Morico and the Examiner had a telephonic interview. During the course of that interview claims 1-16, as amended above, were discussed. A draft of those claims was sent to the Examiner in advance of the interview. *See* Appendix A to Interview Summary mailed September 8, 2005. Applicant's representative pointed out during the interview that none of the cited references, namely, Norman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,799,734), Chen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,168,352), Murphey et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,829,100), and Cedillo et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,441,340), discloses, teaches or suggests, alone or in combination, the method of amended claims 1-7 or the apparatus of amended claims 8-16. The Examiner agreed and stated that in view of the cited art these amended claims should be allowable. The Examiner noted, however, that such claims would have to be subject to a further search, which would be conducted upon the filing of an RCE. The present RCE has been filed in view of the foregoing.

SUMMARY

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now believed in condition for allowance and early notice of the same is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions in

furtherance of the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record by telephone, facsimile or electronic mail, as indicated below.

Applicant believes that there are no fees other than those associated with the filing of the RCE as due in this application. However, should the Commissioner deem that any additional fees are due, including any fees for any extensions of time, Applicant respectfully requests that the Commissioner accept this as a Petition therefore, and directs that any fees be debited from Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.'s Deposit Account No. 08-0300 (Reference No. HES 2003-IP-010088U1).

Respectfully submitted,

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